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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Additional Information - Mission 3102

1. An examination of photography from Mission 3102 dated 15 October 1962 has revealed a probable NIKH/IRHM Launch Complex, a confirmed NIKH site and a probable NIKH site. The latter two sites were previously reported as military encampments on Mission 3101.

2. A probable NIKH/IRHM Launch Complex consisting of two probable launch sites under construction, has been identified approximately 21 km southwest of Havana. The launch sites are approximately 2.5 km apart and are situated on a flat-topped ridge line.

Launch Site No 1 is located at 22-56-50N 82-39-00W and 2.1 km northwest of Guuajay. It is of the offset inline configuration and consists of four elongated launch pad areas oriented at 315 degrees and separated by approximately 750 feet. A central bunker, 60 by 50 feet, is situated between the pads of each pair. This is connected by cable scar to a structure located inboard of each pad. The launch site is in an early stage of construction and is enclosed by fence.

Launch Site No 2 is located at 22-57-00N 82-37-00W and 4.3 km northwest of Guuajay. This launch site also has an inline configuration, and consists of three launch pad areas, with indications of a fourth. The separation of the pad clearings of one pair and their orientation is the same as that at Site No 1. The launch site appears to be in a very early stage of construction and is secured by fence. Photography of 29 August 1962 indicates that initial construction had begun at Site No 1, and that Site No 2 did not exist.

3. Additional information from Mission 3102 on the previously reported NIKH area is as follows:

a. Site No 1 - NIKH Launch Site located 4 km NE of San Diego de los Baños at 22-40-05N 83-17-13E. Only the support area is visible through clouds and haze. Changes from Mission 3101 in area seen include 3 large tents and the completion of a building in early stages of construction on Mission 3101. A security fence under construction is present on the south side of the installation.

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b. Site No 2 - A reanalysis of Site No 2 near Los Palacios, (previously identified as a military encampment) on photography of 15 October 1962, permits its upgrading to a confirmed MXM launch site. Changes noted since Mission 1101 include the identification of an erector in the area where the 6 missiles are parked and the absence of a 60 foot unidentified object in the test area.

c. Site No 3 - Previously identified as a military encampment is now considered to be a probable MXM Launch Area and is located 3 mi west of San Cristobal at 22-42-50N 83-05-13W. The site is situated on the south side of and adjacent to the foothills of a mountain range. The area is under construction and contains the following elements: 2 missile erectors, 2 probable missile trailers, 2 structures, 100 by 18 feet, 1 building under construction, 70 by 35 feet with concrete curbs lying nearby, 8 buildings, 70 by 30 feet under construction, at least 40 tents, and approximately 30 miscellaneous unidentified vehicles. Additional equipment may be parked beneath the trees, or hidden by shadows.

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